

## CARVING A TURKEY.

## JOB WORK

Max Adler says there is nothing a young unmarried man likes better than to go to the house of a friend, and be asked to carve the turkey. He ever carved a turkey in his life, and with an old maid on one side of him watching him closely, and he has a shyness, he feels embarrassed when it begins. First he pushes the knife own towards one of the thigh joints, and he plunges the knife around in each of it, until he makes mine out of one whole quarter of the owl. Then he sharpens his fork, and carves it again. At last, while making a terrific die, he hits the joint suddenly, and the leg flies out into the maiden's lap while her dress front is covered with a shower of stuffing. Then he goes for the other leg, and when the young lady tells him he looks warm, the weather seems to him suddenly to become 400 degrees warmer. This leg he finally pulls loose with his fingers. He lays it on the edge of the plate, and while he is making the wing, he gradually pushes the leg over on the clean table cloth, and when he picks it up, slips from his hand into the gravy dish and splashes the gravy around for six square yards. Just as he has made up his mind that the turkey has no outs to his wings, the host asks him if he thinks the Indians can really be civilized. The girl next to him laughs and he says he will explain his views in the subject after dinner. Then he seizes his bow with his handkerchief, and presses the turkey so hard with the fork that it slides off the dish and upsets a glass of milk on the girl next to him. Near frantic, he gouges away at the wings; gets them off in a mutilated condition, and digs at the breast. Before he can cut any off the host asks him why he don't help out the turkey.

Bewildered, he puts both legs on a plate and hands them to the maiden lady, and then he helps the young lady to a plate-full of stuffing, and while receiving the plate in return, knocks over the gravy bowl. Then he sits down in despair and fans himself with a napkin, while the servant girl clears up and takes the turkey to the other end of the table. He doesn't discuss the Indian question that day. He goes home right after dinner, and spends the night trying to decide whether to commit suicide or take lessons in carving.

## A SECRETARY IN TROUBLE.

A gentleman who had business with the War Department during the Presidency of General Jackson, called upon the secretary for the purpose of transacting it. As he approached the door leading to the secretary's apartment, the messenger informed him that the secretary was engaged for the moment, and begged him to take a seat in the ante-room. The door was ajar, and the visitor could not avoid hearing the loud and angry tones of the great functionary. He was evidently addressing an officer of the army, who was delinquent in the matter of his accounts. "You have been repeatedly directed to bring your affairs to a settlement," said he, "and you pay no attention to the instructions, delaying on one frivolous pretext or another, and offering the most preposterous excuses, until the thing has become intolerable. If this goes on much longer I shall order your arrest, and try you by court martial. The War department can not be trifled with."

The offending officer was a Frenchman, whose broken English and extraordinary phraseology were most mirth-provoking. He presently bowed himself out into the hall, the very impersonation of composure and self-complacency. The gentleman who was waiting for audience inquired what was the matter. "Nossing wiz me," was the reply, with a grimace and a shrug of the shoulders. "But ze Minister of ze War is krubbel."

A writer in Harper's Bazar says: "We do not believe there is much human affection wasted upon the spider; nevertheless it is a very useful creature, and should not be despised. Its specific office is to prevent the dangerous multiplication of winged insects. Entrapping flies is its forte, and it has been remarked that 'if spiders should strike, and for a single month in summer refuse to set their traps, we could hardly defend ourselves against armies of noxious insects that would take possession of our dwellings.' Nevertheless there may be such a thing as too many spiders in the world—a possibility against which Nature has provided. When spiders are thickest and busiest catching flies, a large, peculiar looking fly appears upon the stage of action, and adroitly seizes the spiders whenever found. These spiders are stowed away in secret cells to be food for young flies. Thus there is compensation all around."

A remarkable instance of the influence of discipline in the Russian army is said to have occurred recently at a fire in the small town of Bradosok, where 192 houses were burned. A sentinel who on duty, having been forgotten, remained at his post. His watch box was consumed, and his clothes were already on fire, when a corporal arrived to relieve him. The Emperor, upon hearing of the circumstance, sent the man fifty rubles, decorated him with the Order of St. Anne, and gave instructions for him to be made a non-commissioned officer.

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